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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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SUBJECT.

Food Supply arrangements.

5472) To the Food Controller
20 Q 22364 dy 3.4.19
States that the price to be paid in each case may be fixed by the Sub Div Officer duly Comd and the actual Commander attended to by the Division that Govt desire that the Sub Div Officer shall be personally associated with the Departmental as he is able

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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FILE HEADING.

Food supply arrangements

Opinion of the Council.

Having regard to the acute situation caused by high
and shortage of supplies in places of demand, as dis
reports from Districts, the Council are of opinion th
may organize distribution of ragi to the poor, by is
Mysore and Bangalore Cities and District Headquarters,
at two seers a rupee cheaper than the prevailing mar
to a maximum of ten seers per rupee, compensating me
loss they may incur in so doing and if merchants fail
s, Government may commandeer, notifying maximum rates
, and open depots at those places. Expenditure up t
Rs.50,000 maximum a month may be sanctioned for the pu
end of April.

For issuing tickets, a local committee may be formed.

For Village Improvement works, contributions may be waived in selected Taluks.

For imported ment depots may b

The following calculation shows that the sum of Rs.50,000/- a month will just suffice the purpose indicated in the Council resoluti on the assumption that only 50 per cent of th population of the two Cities and six other Di trict towns are Ragi eaters and that the mark price of ragi will not be higher than 8 seers rupee. If a larger percentage eat ragi or price of ragi is higher then the cost will be ore:-

Population of the Cities and District Head Quarters.	....	2,10,291
Ragi eaters.	....	1,05,145
Per head per month average.		20 seers.
Monthly consumption of ragi.		21,02,900 se
Value at 8 seers	.... Rs.	2,62,862
Value at 10 seers recommended		2,10,290
L o s s....		52,572

I must point out however the following dr acks of the scheme proposed from the financia oint of view :-

A. If the scheme is introduced in the Dis- ict Head Quarter towns, will not there be an mediate demand to its extension to other area nsidering that the cost of the scheme in res-

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respect of about two lakhs of people will be about Rs.50,000/- per month the cost of the scheme will be found prohibitive and beyond the means of Government if it has to be extended to any considerable area outside the District Head Quarters.

B. The principle of furnishing the population wholesale with food stuffs partly at Government expense is not accepted even in the case of widespread famines. In the case of famines - about 10 to 15 per cent. of the population is expected to get relief and they are given relief on doing work according to a stiff standard

C. It is not clear why Government cannot at once commandeer at 8 or 10 seers in surplus areas and distribute the grain at the same or at a slightly higher rate (so as to cover incidental charges) in deficit areas. The present procedure may mean playing into the hands of the middlemen and allowing them to swallow the whole of the money spent by Government as loss incurred in the proposed transactions.

D. The Council resolution says that for the present expenditure may be sanctioned up to the end of April. The difficulty about such relief operations is that if they are once introduced they cannot be withdrawn until circumstances --

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considerably improve and I think if Government once sanction this scheme they will have to continue it to the next harvest season. This will mean a period of ten months at least which even at the rate proposed involves an expenditure of about 5 lakhs.

Of course money will have to be found for whatever measures are considered by Government as absolutely necessary for making available grain available to the ryot ~~without~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~necessary restrictions by the Collectors~~. The necessary amount can be found from the Famine Reserve. The expenditure of a large sum on this account will, however, considerably enhance the difficulty of ways and means operations for next year but there is no help for it. Cutting down of the Capital programme and rigid economy in the spending departments will have to be resorted to, if necessary.

Submitted to His Highness.

The food situation in the State, as reported from time to time in the weekly reports submitted to His Highness, continues to cause anxiety.

2. Although it is not yet time to judge the effect of the withdrawal of all restrictions as to prices and transport within the State of rice and ragi one result most noticeable, as anticipated, is the rise of prices. There is reason to believe that the villagers can get along with their old stock and the present harvested ragi without difficulty, but in the cities of Mysore and Bangalore and some Head Quarter towns, the supply of ragi is limited and very little is coming to the market. Commandeering at Rs.64 has been ordered for minus areas, but even this rate is low and it is now proposed to commandeer at the actual market rates and to buy in the open market for supply to the poor at a rate cheaper, viz., 2 seers in the rupee, Government bearing the cost of the difference, up to a maximum of Rs.50,000 a month, for two months, by which period it is expected that there may be some reduction in price owing to the contemplated import of large quantities of rice and broken rice and the complete restoration of free trade.

3. The Financial Secretary's remarks are based on the fact that all the ragi eating population have

ıt the idea is to restrict the

ı list of such being prepared by

;he two cities and the head -

headquarter towns. So the expenditure of Rs. 50,000 is the maximum, not the minimum.

4. The proposal and expenditure may be graciously sanctioned and met from the famine reserve.

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Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

Subject.

Relief to poor people by sale of ragi at reduced prices.

Chief secy.

a draft order carefully
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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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	Draft Submitted.
	Bom.
	Chief Secy 13-3-19
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	Draft approved with reference to the 4th paragraph of the proceedings
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	to depute Mysore newly opened. to substitute other hour. Should the gas lamps to public duty at to see and the gas pillars at central route. to illegal pro prospolice night for lamps enclosed are receiv upon supply to 2 cats like arrangement with the Fe in Cantonment with Dec till end of April
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To the Revenue, Deputies, Postmasters
Sheriffs - B. Inc & Regina Cty Municipal
Officials &c - Comptroller of Customs
No G 20895-904 of 19.3.19
Gives certain arrangements
the distribution of Regs to the Provs
the Regina & B. Inc allies & other
Head Quarters

From the Food Controller
No C 267 dt 26-3-19

With refee to para 3 of the G.O. of the 19th March 1919 forwards copy of D.O. letter of even dt in regard to the difficulty of requiring all Commandeering operations being under the supervision of Sub Div Offrs & requests that the intentions of Govt may be made clear.

Chief Secy's orders -

Please put up refees & submit"

dtd) C.S.B. 28/3/19

Sub with refees - Refee is also invited to para 2 of Off. Memorandum No G 20739-47/8-P 134-18-427 dt 17/3/19 that it is the desire of Govt that the Commandeer operations shd be attended to & payments made either by the Sub Divl Offrs or by Dy Comrs personally

leg
28/3/19 Chief Secy

Noted
28-3-19.

The price to be paid may be fixed by the S.D.O. or D.C. & the actual commandeering attended by the ~~Police staff~~ and/or by such Sub Divl Officers as the D.C. may depute for the purpose - Offrs & persons

Noted
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The Food Controller in
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20 & 22364 & 3.4.19
States that the penalties to be paid
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by the Amildar and denies that
Govt desire that Sub Div officers should
be personally associated with the
operations as far as possible

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Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

requesting the Dy Comrs to report to Govt any abnormal increase in the prices of ragi necessitating arrangements to sell grain to the poor at concessional rates

Read -

1. Para 2 of Government order No.G. 17649-60/P.P.134-18-302 dated 17th February 1919,

(give abstract)

2. G.O.No.G.20400-22/P.P.134-18-413 dated 12th March 1919 - approving the proposals of the Food Supplies Committee (give abstract) in regard to the opening of relief depots for selling ragi to the poor

3. (Enter here also about Village Improvement works).

Govt order no R 11706-12 4-18-1 dt 13th March 1919 directing that Village relief Works be started urgently as a relief measure

under the Village Improvements Scheme from villagers being waived

ORDER. - No. G.20895-904

Dated Bangalore. 19.3.19.

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3 Similar action should be taken by the Food Controller in consultation with the Deputy Commissioners concerned, for opening such depots at District head-quarter towns for sale according to actual necessity. Commandeering should be under the supervisi~~on~~ of Sub Division officers without exception and the rate fixed according to the prevail ing market rate as far as possible, the difference between this and the distribution rate at Government centres being borne by Government.

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6 Necessary action may also b opening depots at all taluk he stations for sale of imported sary establishments at a cost

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No. G. 20895-904—P. P. 134-18-438, DATED 19TH MARCH 1919.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS

READ—

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2. Government Order No. G. 20400-22—P. P. 134-18-413, dated 12th March 191 approving of the proposals of the Food Supplies Committee in regard to the opening reserve depots for sale of rice and ragi to the poor.

3. Government Order No. R. 11706—R. M. 4-18-86, dated 13th March 1919, direc ing that village relief works be started urgently as a relief measure, the contributio from villagers under the Village Improvement Scheme being waived.

Order No. G. 20895-904—P. P. 134-18-438, dated 19th March 1919.

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4. The expenditure under the above scheme will be met by a special grant fror the famine reserve.

5. To relieve distress among working classes in rural areas, the Deputy Com missioners are requested to enlarge the programme of village works as far as possibl in accordance with instructions given in the Government Order read above. They ar also requested to specify the taluks where such relief is most needed and where th rule about raiyats' contributions require to be relaxed.

6. Necessary action may also be taken for opening depots at all Taluk Head quarter stations for sale of imported rice. Necessary establishments at a cost not ex ceeding Rs. 30 per mensem for each Taluk Depot that may be opened may b entertained.

C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER,
Chief Secretary to Government.

To—The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
The Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.
The Food Controller and Director of Civil Supplies in Mysore
The Presidents, Bangalore and Mysore City Municipalities.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
The Comptroller to Government.
PRESS TABLE.

Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

G. O. No. G. 20895-904—P. P. 134-18-438,
dated 19th March 1919.

My dear Balasundaram Iyer,

I enclose a copy of D,O. letter No.F.C. 419 of the 24th instant from Mr. Bowring in reg to the difficulty of requiring all commandeerin operations being under the supervision of the S Division Officers. I presume the meaning of t Government Order is that when any price in exce of the commandeering price is to be paid, this should be settled by the Sub Division Officers. It may not be possible for all commandeering operations to be attended to by the Sub Divisio Officers themselves in person. I would reques that the point may be made clear by the issue o suitable instructions from Government.

With reference to Government Order No.G. 20895-909/P.P.134-18-438 dated 19th March 1919, stating that commandeering should be under the supervision of Sub Division Officers without exception, I beg to state that the order is not clear. Does it mean that Sub Division Officers are to do all commandeering, because, if it doe I wish to point out that it is impossible for a Sub Division Officer in charge of several taluk to do this. In fact, it is difficult for Amild to do it and we really want agents in every hob almost.

The Sub Division Officers may generally su vise the operations but cannot do more. I am sure that it would not be as well to definitely depute shekdars of hoblies to commandeer as our hobli agents. I put this forward as a suggesti and we might perhaps try the scheme. I believe a matter of fact shekdars at present are doing work to a great extent under the general superv

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No. C 22864

Date of issue 3.4.9

Signed by W. A. M.

To
The Food Controller in
Mysore

Sir,

With reference to your D.O. letter no C 267 of 26th March 1919 in regard to the difficulty of requiring all Commandeering operations being under the supervision of Sub Officers as directed in para 3 of Govt order

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